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SUBJECT:DRAFT LETTER TO UNSC PRESIDENT

REF: SEOUL 6650

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1. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON FOLLOWING
TEXT OF DRAFT LETTER TO UNSC PRESIDENT REGARDING LOWERING
OF UN FLAG ON AUGUST 25. USUN HAS SUGGESTED INCLUDING
LIST OF SITES WHERE FLAG REMAINS FLYING ALTHOUGH AWARE
THAT ROKG PROBABLY WOULD DEMUR (REFTEL). WE THINK THAT
GENERAL STATEMENT AS DRAFTED MIGHT SUFFICE BUT WE WANT
TO BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE AND THUS YOUR COMMENTS
ON THIS POINT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

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2. WHEN FINAL CLEARANCE OBTAINED, EMBASSY AND USUN WILL

BE AUTHORIZED TO CONSULT WITH ROKG ON TEXT. DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO SUGGEST THAT ROKG BE ASKED TO SEND SEPARATE LETTER TO SC PRESIDENT ACKNOWLEDGING LOWERING OF UN FLAG. INFORM ROKG THAT WE INTEND TO SHOW JAPANESE, UK AND OTHER CORE CO-SPONSORS OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION TEXT OF LETTER BEFORE PLANNED SUBMISSION END OF NEXT WEEK.

3. BEGIN TEXT.

-----THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WISHES TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL THAT AS OF 25 AUGUST 1975 THE UNITED NATIONS FLAG NO LONGER FLIES OVER MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA EXCEPT AT THOSE FACILITIES DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. THE LOWERING OF THE UNITED NATIONS FLAG WILL CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING AN APPROPRIATE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THOSE FOREIGN FORCES DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND'S PERFORMANCE OF ITS ARMISTICE AGREEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND THOSE SERVING IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA UNDER THE TERMS OF THE 1954 MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. IN THIS CONNECTION, SOME 42,000 UNITED STATES TROOPS SERVE UNDER THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE SOME 300 US STAFF PERSONNEL COMPRISING THE UN COMMAND ITSELF. THERE IS AN HONOR GUARD UNDER THE UN COMMAND WHICH INCLUDES LESS THAN 50 MEN PROVIDED BY THAILAND, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE PHILIPPINES.

-----THIS LOWERING OF THE UN FLAGS DOES NOT ALTER THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND UNDER THE TERMS OF THE MILITARY ARMISTICE AGREEMENT OF 27 JULY 1953.

-----THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA HAVE ALREADY STATED THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF THE TERMINATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENT, AS OUTLINED IN ITS LETTER OF 27 JUNE 1975, WITH THE OTHER PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED AT ANY TIME AND CONFIDENTIAL

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IN ANY PLACE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON, AS WELL AS WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL SHOULD THEY SO DESIRE.

-----THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES RE-EMPHASIZES THAT ITS CHIEF CONCERN IN THIS QUESTION IS THAT ALL PROVISIONS OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, THE BASIS OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA FOR OVER 20 YEARS, BE MAINTAINED AND PRESERVED PENDING NEGOTIATIONS AND

CONCILIATION BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH OF KOREA LEADING TO A LASTING PEACE BETWEEN THEM. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT ANY PROPOSAL FOR PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA, WHICH DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT DURING THE PERIOD OF NEGOTIATIONS, WOULD NOT BE IN THE INTEREST OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.

-----IN REGARD TO THE FOREGOING, I REFER TO THE LETTER OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OF 27 JUNE 1975 ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON THE TERMINATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND IN CONJUNCTION WITH A PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENT TO MAINTAIN THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT.

-----I REFER ALSO TO THE STATEMENT IN THAT LETTER THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, CONSIDERING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY EMBODIED IN RESOLUTION 3333 (XXIX), WOULD IN THE MEANTIME UNDERTAKE MEASURES TO REDUCE MANIFESTATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND, INCLUDING RESTRICTED USE OF THE FLAG, WHICH WERE AUTHORIZED BY SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 84 OF 7 JULY 1950.

-----I WISH TO REQUEST THAT THIS LETTER BE CIRCULATED AS A DOCUMENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. INGERSOLL

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